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SUBJECT: POLISH SECURITY SITUATION IN THE U.S.

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1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE CALLED IN POLISH
DCM WIEJACZ ON MARCH 5 TO DISCUSS SECURITY SITUATION.
(AMB. TRAMPCZYNSKI IS SICK)

2. ARMITAGE SAID THAT HE HAD ASKED WIEJACZ TO COME IN TO
BE SURE THAT THERE WAS NO MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR
TWO GOVERNMENTS REGARDING OUR POSITION ON THE MATTERS
RAISED BY WIEJACZ ON MARCH 2. VICE MINISTER SPASOWSKI HAD
DISCUSSED THE SECURITY PROBLEM WITH AMB. DAVIES ON MARCH 3,
AND WE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE WAS SOME MISCONCEPTION
ABOUT OUR POSITION WHICH WE WANTED TO CLEAR UP. HE NOTED
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THAT WIEJACZ HAD EXPRESSED THE POLISH GOVERNMENT'S FEARS

ABOUT THE SECURITY AND WELL BEING OF POLISH PERSONNEL IN THE U.S.

3. FIRST, WE WANTED TO ASSURE THE POLISH GOVERNMENT THAT WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE MATTERS GOP HAD RAISED AND FULLY MINDFUL OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THE POLISH EMBASSY AND OTHER ACCREDITED MISSIONS ASSURANCE

OF NORMAL WORKING CONDITIONS AND SECURITY OF PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL IN THE U.S. ARMITAGE SAID THAT THE POLISH GOVERNMENT HAS OUR FIRM OFFICIAL ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL DO ALL THAT WE CAN WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OUR LAWS TO FULFILL OUR OBLIGATIONS.

4. SECOND, WE BELIEVE THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT MISUNDERSTANDING RELATED TO OUR COMMENT TO WIEJACZ THAT WE WERE ALSO CONCERNED OVER THE SAFETY OF OUR PEOPLE ABROAD. AS WIEJACZ PROBABLY KNEW, THERE HAD BEEN RECENT INSTANCES IN WHICH NAMES OF OUR OFFICIALS HAD APPEARED IN THE FOREIGN PRESS ALONG WITH INVIDIOUS COMMENT ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES. IN ONE INSTANCE THE RESULT WAS THE TRAGIC DEATH OF AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL. WE REFERRED TO THIS SITUATION TO CONVEY THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THIS CONCERN AND, THEREFORE, COULD UNDERSTAND AND SHARE THE CONCERN OF THE GOP ABOUT THE PROBLEM THEY HAD RAISED. WE WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THIS POINT BECAUSE VICE MINISTER SPASOWSKI HAD LEFT THE IMPLICATION THAT WE MIGHT REGARD WHAT HAD HAPPENED HERE - THE PUBLICATION OF THE NAMES OF POLISH OFFICIALS - AS SOME FORM OF "RETALIATION" FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO US IN EUROPE. ON THE CONTRARY, WE REJECT IN THE MOST CATEGORIC TERMS ANY SUGGESTION OF THE ACCEPTABILITY OF RETALIATION IN SUCH MATTERS. EVERY HOST GOVERNMENT, IN OUR VIEW, HAS THE OBLIGATION TO ASSURE APPROPRIATE WORKING CONDITIONS AND SECURITY FOR FOREIGN PERSONNEL ACCREDITED TO IT AND THIS OBLIGATION IS A LEGAL ONE TO BE FULFILLED WITHOUT QUALIFICATION.

5. TURNING TO ANOTHER POINT, ARMITAGE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM WIEJACZ THAT WE HAD MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONCERNED TO ALERT THEM CONFIDENTIAL

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TO THE PROBLEM, TO UNDERLINE THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW THESE MATTERS, AND TO ELICIT THEIR SUPPORT AND COOPERATION. OUR CONCERNS ARE FULLY SHARED THROUGHOUT THE GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL SPOKEN WITH OFFICIALS IN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND IN THE NEW YORK CITY ADMINISTRATION IN ORDER TO ELICIT THEIR FULLEST COOPERATION. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO WORKING CONTACTS HERE AND IN NEW YORK. WE HAVE ALSO DIRECTED OUR PEOPLE

IN THE SECURITY OFFICE TO CONTINUE LIAISON WITH FEDERAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO SEE THAT EVERYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE IS DONE. WE HAVE ASKED OUR LAWYERS TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF LEGAL REMEDIES. WE PLACED THIS DOWN ON THE LIST, SINCE WE ARE FACED WITH AN IMMEDIATE PROBLEM AND LEGAL SOLUTIONS TAKE TIME.

6. WE ARE ALSO ALERTING THE MASS MEDIA ABOUT OUR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER AND ABOUT THE POSSIBLE HARMFUL EFFECTS THAT COULD STEM FROM PROPAGATING REPORTS OF THIS TYPE.

7. WE HAVE TALKED WITH THE FBI ABOUT FREE POLAND. THEY HAVE ASSURED US THAT THEY ARE INVESTIGATING THIS ORGANIZATION ENERGETICALLY. ARMITAGE SAID HE WANTED TO BRIEF WIEJACZ ON WHAT WE HAD LEARNED. FBI FIELD OFFICES IN CHICAGO, NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE INVESTIGATION. THE REPUTED FOUNDER OF FREE POLAND HAS BEEN QUESTIONED. IT IS AN EXAGGERATION TO DESCRIBE FREE POLAND AS AN "ORGANIZATION". THERE ARE NOT AN APPRECIABLE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED. IT SEEMS TO BE A CREATION OF ONE MAN WHO SOMETIMES USES OTHER NAMES AND WHO IS NOT WITHOUT FINANCIAL RESOURCES. THAT MAY EXPLAIN THE PROPAGATION CAPACITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION. WE HAVE ASKED THAT OUR OWN VIEW OF THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF THESE ACTIVITIES BE CONVEYED TO HIM. ARMITAGE SAID HE WENT INTO THIS TO LET WIEJACZ KNOW WHAT INFORMATION WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WERE AWARE THAT ANOTHER ARTICLE HAS APPEARED IN SOMETHING CALLED THE SOHO NEWS, AN OBSCURE NEW YORK PUBLICATION WITH LIMITED CIRCULATION.

8. IN CONCLUSION, ARMITAGE SAID HE WANTED THE POLISH CONFIDENTIAL

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SIDE TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION AND RECOGNIZE OUR OBLIGATION TO ASSURE THE SECURITY AND PROPER WORKING CONDITIONS OF POLISH PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY IN THE U.S. AGAIN WE WOULD DO EVERYTHING WE COULD UNDER OUR LAW.

9. WIEJACZ SAID HE WOULD TRY TO CONVEY THIS MESSAGE AS PRECISELY AS POSSIBLE. THE PROBLEM IS SERIOUS. SPASOWSKI'S CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR DAVIES AND THE POLISH AIDE MEMOIRE INDICATED HOW IMPORTANTLY THEY VIEWED THIS MATTER. HE SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT THIS MESSAGE TONIGHT AND UNDERSTOOD WE WOULD ALSO REPLY IN WARSAW.

10. ARMITAGE SAID THAT THERE ARE SPECIFIC MATTERS IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH HE HAD NOT RAISED HERE. BUT THIS

WAS OUR RESPONSE TO MINISTER SPASOWSKI'S REPRESENTATION
AND CONSTITUTED A COMPREHENSIVE OUTLINE OF OUR
POSITION NOT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC INCIDENTS BUT
TO OUR POLICY GENERALLY.

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